

GPS MICROSTRIP ANTENNA

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5 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates generally to a microstrip antenna for use on a missile or the like. More specifically, the present invention relates to a microstrip antenna which receives GPS (global positioning system) data and which is adapted for use on small diameter projectiles such as a
10 missile.

2. Description of the Prior Art.

A microstrip antenna operates by resonating at a
15 frequency. The conventional design for a MICROSTRIP antenna utilizes printed circuit board techniques mounting a copper patch on the top layer of a dielectric with a ground plane on the bottom of the dielectric. The frequency at which the antenna operates is approximately a half wavelength in the
20 microstrip medium of dielectric below the copper patch and air above the copper patch.

However, there is a need to isolate the microstrip antenna from radio frequency signals at different frequencies than the